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SUBJ: SOVIET COMPLAINT OVER SECRETARY KREPS' PRESENCE AT
SPEECH BY FRG ECONOMIC MINISTER

1. BRITISH (CHAIRMAN) POLAD GLADSTONE RECEIVED A PROTEST
FROM SOVIET EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY TYUTYUNOV ON APRIL 14
CONCERNING THE PRESENCE OF SECRETARY OF COMMERCE KREPS
AT A LUNCHEON GIVEN BY THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IN GERMANY WHICH WAS ADDRESSED BY FRG ECONOMICS MINISTER
GRAF LAMBSDORFF. TEXT OF GLADSTONE'S REPORT FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: TYUTYUNOV WENT ON TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE FACT
THAT FEDERAL ECONOMICS MINISTER LAMBSDORFF HAD CHOSEN TO
MAKE A SPEECH IN BERLIN, IN HIS CAPACITY AS A FEDERAL
MINISTER TOGETHER WITH MRS. KREPS. THIS THREW A SHADOW
OVER WHAT WAS OTHERWISE A PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE VISIT.
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS TRYING TO DEMONSTRATE ITS
COMPETENCE IN THE CITY. TYUTYUNOV, WHO WAS NOT (NOT)
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SPEAKING FROM A PREPARED TEXT, STRESSED THAT HE WAS MAKING
AN OBSERVATION RATHER THAN A PROTEST.

GLADSTONE SAID THAT HE WOULD RELUCTANTLY CONVEY HIS
CONCERN TO HIS AMERICAN COLLEAGES, THROUGH IF HE WERE
MRS. KREPS HE WOULD BE DISTINCTLY ANNOYED BY THE SOVIET
COMPLAINT. GLADSTONE ASSURED TYUTYUNOV THAT LAMBSDORFF
HAD OUR FULL SUPPORT IN COMING TO SPEAK IN BERLIN: THIS

WAS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE BERLIN/FRG TIES WHICH WE HAD ALL AGREED SHOULD BE DEVELOPED. THERE WAS NOT WAY THAT MAKING SPEECHES OF THIS KIND COULD CONFLICT WITH THE QA. IN SHORT GLADSTONE DID NOT THINK MUCH OF TYUTYUNOV'S COMPLAINT. GLADSTONE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY DISTURBED BY WHAT GLADSTONE SAW AS A REGRET-TABLE TENDENCY FOR THE RUSSIANS TO TRY TO RE-INTERPRET THE QA AND TO MAKE TRIVIAL COMPLAINTS. NONE OF US WANTED TENSION IN BERLIN AND THE RUSSIANS WOULD DO BETTER TO TAKE THINGS MORE IN THEIR STRIDE. END TEXT.

3. COMMENT: IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THERE WERE TWO SEPARATE LUNCHEONS AT WHICH MRS. KREPS AND GRAF LAMBSDORFF RESPECTIVELY SPOKE. BOTH LUNCHESES WERE SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN GERMANY TO COMMEMORATE THEIR 75TH ANNIVERSARY. THE FIRST, ON APRIL 13, WAS ADDRESSED BY MRS. KREPS BUT GRAF LAMBSDORFF WAS NOT RPT NOT PRESENT; THE SECOND ON THE FOLLOWING DAY WAS ADDRESSED BY GRAF LMBSORFF AND MRS. KREPS WAS PRESENT. END COMMENT.GEORGE

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